

- (b) if so, the details of existing and new guidelines;
- (c) whether the existing guidelines are being followed by the officials; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The existing guidelines for briefing media are given in the statement attached.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Statement**

*According to the Manual on Office Procedure;  
Communication of information to the press*

(1) Official information to the press and other news media, i.e., radio and television, will normally be communicated through the Press Information Bureau.

(2) Only Ministers, Secretaries and other officers specially authorised in this behalf may give information or be accessible to the representatives of the press. Any other official, if approached by a representative of the press, will direct him to the Press Information Bureau.

(3) Whenever it is proposed to release an official information to the press, or to hold a press conference or press briefing, or to give publicity to an official report, resolution or any other publication, the department concerned will consult the accredited Information Officer in advance.

#### **Non-Availability of Train**

2464. SHRI VIJAY PATEL :  
SHRI B.K. GADHVI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of representations have been made to his Ministry for the introduction of a shuttle train with MST coach facility leaving Ahmedabad in the morning and Palanpur in the evening;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the other alternative arrangements railways propose to make to mitigate the difficulties of daily passengers from Ahmedabad to Palanpur?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Some representations have been received

regarding starting of a train in the morning from Ahmedabad to Palanpur.

(b) and (c) After conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad route, 9105/9106 Delhi-Ahmedabad Mail, 9653/9654 Ahmedabad-Ajmer Fast Passenger and 2915/2916 Ashram Express have been introduced from 3.5. 97, 11.5.97 and 1.8.97 respectively serving Ahmedabad and Palanpur.

It is also proposed to introduce a shuttle DMU train between Ahmedabad and Abu Road serving Palanpur during 1997-98.

A morning shuttle between Ahmedabad and Palanpur is not proposed at present due to operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

#### **Vacant Posts of Scheduled Tribes**

2465. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise number of posts of scheduled tribes lying vacant in his Ministry/Departments;

(b) whether the persons other than are working on these posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are taking any steps to fill up the entire backlog; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) 3 posts of Senior Scientific Officer Grand-II, reserved for Scheduled Tribes, are vacant in the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Transmission Capacity of Akashwani Kendra**

2466. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the transmission capacity of Akashwani Kendras of Rajkot and Porbandar of Gujarat;

(b) the amount disbursed for the development of these Kendras during each of the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for keeping these Kendras just as a relay Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) All India Radio, Rajkot is equipped with 300 KW MW High Power Transmitter for main channel and 1 KW MW Transmitter for Vividh Bharati Service. It has Type-III Studios and is a fulfilled regional station. There is no All India Radio Station at Porbandar.

(b) During the last three years, i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, expenditure to the tune of Rs. 172.69 lakhs, Rs. 180.62 lakhs and Rs. 198.37% lakhs, respectively has been incurred on operation and maintenance of AIR, Rajkot Station.

(c) All India Radio, Rajkot is a fullfledged Radio Station.

#### **Cleanliness at Bangalore City Railway Station**

2467. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are no proper arrangements for cleanliness at the Bangalore City Railway station;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to impose fine on those who spit or throw garbages at the Railway stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Proper arrangements for cleanliness do exist at the Station.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Punitive provisions already exist in the law for prosecuting the persons indulging in acts of spitting, defecating, urinating and throwing litter etc. in station premises and in trains at other than nominated places, toilets/urinals, wastebins/garbagebins etc. Railway have been directed to invoke these provisions, wherever necessary.

[Translation]

#### **Construction of Over Bridge in Kota**

2468. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to construct an over bridge at level crossing on National Highway at Kulhari in Kota District of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the half of the cost is to be borne by the State Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal is to take up the work on deposit terms i.e. Rajasthan State Electricity Board has to bear full cost of the work.

(d) Depends upon receipt of firm proposal from Rajasthan State Electricity Board.

#### **Gram Panchayat Telephones**

2469. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of providing telephone facility to each Gram Panchayat is not being implemented in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when telephone facility is likely to be provided to the Gram Panchayats of district Almora and Pithauragarh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir, the scheme of providing public telephone is being implemented as per DOT policy for providing public telephone in every village including Gram Panchayats. All villages including Gram Panchayats will be covered by the end of Ninth Plan period.

#### **Railway Stations/Junctions**

2470. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of railway stations/junctions in Bhopal, Bilaspur, Jabalpur railway divisions of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of the platforms of the stations among the above junctions/stations where tea stall, contracts of refreshment stalls, milk parlour, Book stall and Telephone Booths have been allotted to the educated unemployed and handicapped persons belonging to scheduled castes/scheduled tribes;

(c) the policy adopted by the Government in regard to providing the said contracts;

(d) the percentage of reservation provided in these contracts;